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CLAIM TO PRIORITY

Sir:

Applicants hereby claim priority under the International Convention and all rights to which they are entitled under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following Japanese Priority Applications:

Japan 2000-168985, filed June 6, 2000; and  
Japan 2000-168997, filed June 6, 2000.

Certified copies of the priority documents were submitted in parent Application No. 09/873,292, to which Applicants claim domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

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